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IN RE APPLICATION OF:

Lim, *et al.*

SERIAL No.: 09/518,297

FILED: March 3, 2000

FOR: **DNA BINDING COMPOUND-MEDIATED
MOLECULAR SWITCH SYSTEM**

EXAMINER: Kam

ART UNIT: 1653

Amendment in Response to Restriction Requirement

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 21, 2001, please amend the application as follows.

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 20 and 31-33, without prejudice.

REMARKS

In the above referenced Office action, the Examiner divided the claims into the following groups: I. Claims 1-19 and 21-30, drawn to a molecular switch, a cell comprising the molecular switch and a method of producing a cell having the molecular switch; II. Claim 20, drawn to a method of modulating expression of an exogenous gene in a cell by a DNA binding compound; and III. Claims 31-33, drawing to a method of screening DNA binding compounds for the ability to regulate a molecular switch.

In response, the applicants elect Group I without traverse. Non-elected claims 20 and 31-33 have been canceled.